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SUBJECT: BAPTIST VISITORS

1. DR. GRADY COTHAN, PRESIDENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION PLANS TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION THIS MONTH AS AN OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE ALL UNION COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS-BAPTISTS (AUCEB). HE WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 17TH AND WILL VISIT KIEV AND LENINGRAD AS WELL AS ONE OTHER CITY YET TO BE DETERMINED. DR COTHAN HAS DISCUSSED HIS SOVIET TOUR WITH EUR/SOV WHICH HAS PROVIDED HIM BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PRESENT SITUATION OF SOVIET CHRISTIANS.

2. WASHINGTON POST ON JUNE 2ND CARRIED STORY THAT FIVE PROMINENT AMERICAN BLACK BAPTIST MINISTERS HAD ACCEPTED AN AUCEB INVITATION TO PAY A JULY 7TH TO 21ST VISIT TO MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV. INVITEES ARE:
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A) REV. HENRY C. GREGORY, PASTOR
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
(REV. GREGORY ATTENDED 1977 WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE
IN MOSCOW)

B) REV. CECIL CLARK, PASTOR

GOOD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

DALLAS, TEXAS

(REV. CLARK IS ALSO EDITOR OF THE "BAPTIST
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NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION)

C) REV. WYATT TEE WALKER, PASTOR

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW YORK CITY

(REV WALKER WAS FORMERLY A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING., JR.)

D) REV. CHARLES WALKER, PASTOR

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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